

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

ALLEN D. KANNENBERG

and

JENNA LAVONNE KANNENBERG

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: 11-cv-664

v.

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
2. This action arises out of the Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

VENUE

3. Venue is proper in this District.
4. The acts and transactions alleged herein occurred within this Judicial District.
5. The Plaintiffs reside within this Judicial District.
6. Defendant transacts business and regularly collects debts by telephone and the mails within this Judicial District.

PARTIES

7. Plaintiffs Allen and Jenna Kannenberg are natural persons.
8. The Plaintiffs reside in the City of Clinton, County of Henry, State of Missouri.
9. The Plaintiffs each is a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
10. The Plaintiffs each is an “any person” as that term is used within 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
11. Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., is a foreign corporation with a Missouri registered agent of The Corporation Company, 120 south Central Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105.
12. The Defendant is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
13. The principal business of the Defendant is the collection of debts using the mails and telephone.
14. The Defendant regularly attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another.
15. The Defendant regularly attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another that arose out of transactions in which the money, property or services which are the subject of the transactions are primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
16. The Defendant regularly purchases delinquent consumer accounts.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION

17. Sometime prior to the filing of the instant action, the Plaintiffs allegedly incurred a financial obligation that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes

and is a “debt” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5), (hereinafter the “Account”).

18. The Account was allegedly was not paid and it went into default with the creditor.
19. Sometime after the account went into default, the alleged debt was assigned, placed or otherwise transferred to the Defendant for collection.
20. The Plaintiffs dispute the account, as it is out-of-statute.
21. The Plaintiffs request that the Defendant cease all communication personally on the Account.
22. In the year prior to the filing of the instant action, the Plaintiffs received telephone calls from representatives, employees and/or agents of the Defendant who were attempting to collect the Account.
23. Upon information and belief, Defendant possesses recordings of the content of telephone calls between Plaintiffs and Defendant’s representatives.
24. Upon information and belief, Defendant kept and possesses written documentation and/or computer records of telephone calls between Plaintiffs and Defendant’s representatives.
25. The telephone calls between Defendant and Plaintiff each individually constitute a “communication” as defined by FDCPA § 1692a(2).
26. The purpose of Defendant’s telephone calls to Plaintiffs was to collect the account.
27. The telephone calls each conveyed information regarding the Account directly or indirectly to the Plaintiffs.

28. The only reason that the Defendant and/or its representatives, employees and/or agents made the telephone calls to Plaintiffs was to attempt to collect the Account.
29. During the telephone calls representatives, employees and/or agents of the Defendant caused Plaintiff's telephone continuously to ring with the intent to annoy, abuse and harass Plaintiff in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d preface and d(5).
30. During the telephone calls representatives, employees and/or agents of the Defendant repeatedly engaged Plaintiff in conversation with the intent to annoy, abuse and harass Plaintiff in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d preface and d(5).
31. During the telephone calls representatives, employees and/or agents of the Defendant failed to meaningfully disclose the caller's identity in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d preface and d(6).
32. The Defendant and its representatives, employees and/or agents above listed statements and actions involve unfair and/or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect a debt and therefore constitute violate FDCPA 1692f.
33. As a consequence of the Defendant's collection activities and communications, the Plaintiff has suffered actual damages, including emotional distress.

RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR

34. The representatives and/or collectors at the Defendant were employees of and agents for the Defendant, were acting within the course and scope of their

employment at the time of the incidents complained of herein and were under the direct supervision and control of the Defendant at all times mentioned herein.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

The Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby demands a trial by jury. US Const. amend. 7., Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 38.

DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF TRIAL

Plaintiffs requests Kansas City, Missouri as the place of trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs pray that the Court grants the following:

1. A finding that the Defendant violated the FDCPA and/or an admission from the Defendant that it violated the FDCPA.
2. Damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).
3. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3).
4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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